

Need another word that means the same as “tacky”? Find 25 synonyms and 30 related words for “tacky” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Tacky” are: brassy, cheap, flash, flashy, garish, gaudy, gimcrack, loud, meretricious, tatty, tawdry, trashy, sticky, wet, gluey, gummy, glutinous, adhesive, viscous, viscid, treacly, syrupy, runny, clinging, sticking

Tacky as an Adjective

Definitions of "Tacky" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “tacky” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *(of a glutinous liquid such as paint) not completely dried and slightly sticky to the touch.*
- *(of glue, paint, or other substances) not fully dry and retaining a slightly sticky feel.*
- *Not completely dried and slightly sticky to the touch.*
- *Tastelessly showy.*



Synonyms of "Tacky" as an adjective (25 Words)

<u>adhesive</u>	Able to stick fast to a surface or object; sticky. An adhesive label.
brassy	Unrestrained by convention or propriety. <i>Audience members are tapping their feet to the brassy music of the band.</i>
cheap	Inexpensive because of inferior quality. Cheap shoddy goods.
<u>clinging</u>	Too dependent on someone emotionally. <i>She wasn't the clinging type.</i>
flash	Relating to the language used by criminals or prostitutes. A flash new car.

flashy	Marked by conspicuous display. <i>He always had a flashy car.</i>
garish	Tastelessly showy. <i>Garish shirts in all sorts of colours.</i>
gaudy	Tastelessly showy. <i>A gaudy costume.</i>
gimcrack	Tastelessly showy. <i>Plastic gimcrack cookware.</i>
gluey	Having a sticky consistency. <i>Gluey brown paste.</i>
glutinous	Like glue in texture; sticky. <i>Glutinous mud.</i>
gummy	Covered with or exuding a viscous substance. <i>His gummy eyes.</i>
loud	Used chiefly as a direction or description in music loud with force. <i>His voice is loud and challenging.</i>
meretricious	Based on pretense; deceptively pleasing. <i>Meretricious praise.</i>
runny	(of a person's nose) producing or discharging mucus. <i>The souffl was hard on top and quite runny underneath.</i>
sticking	Extending out above or beyond a surface or boundary. <i>A pile of boards sticking over the end of his truck.</i>
sticky	Having the sticky properties of an adhesive. <i>The relationship is going through a sticky patch.</i>
syrupy	Having the consistency or sweetness of syrup. <i>A particularly syrupy moment from a corny film.</i>
tatty	Showing signs of wear and tear. <i>The generally tatty output of the current Celtic revival.</i>
treacly	Overly sweet. <i>A treacly black fuel.</i>
viscid	Having the sticky properties of an adhesive. <i>The viscid mucus lining of the intestine.</i>
viscous	Having the sticky properties of an adhesive. <i>Viscous lava.</i>
wet	Producing or secreting milk. <i>Wet sidewalks.</i>



Usage Examples of "Tacky" as an adjective

- *The paint was still tacky.*
- *Tacky varnish.*



Associations of "Tacky" (30 Words)

adherence

The property of sticking together (as of glue and wood) or the joining of surfaces of different composition.

*He moved to Avignon and won the **adherence** of the French king.*

adhesion

A fibrous band of scar tissue that binds together normally separate anatomical structures.

*The **adhesion** of Seville was decisive.*

adhesive

Tending to adhere.

*Tile **adhesive**.*

bogus

Not genuine or true (used in a disapproving manner when deception has been attempted).

*A **bogus** insurance claim.*

cheap

Relatively low in price or charging low prices.

*It would have been **cheap** at twice the price.*

dabbler	Any of numerous shallow-water ducks that feed by upending and dabbling.
dilettante	A person with an amateur interest in the arts. <i>A wealthy literary dilettante.</i>
dishonest	Intended to mislead or cheat. Dishonest politicians.
epoxy	Glue with epoxy. Epoxy cement.
factitious	Artificially created or developed. <i>A largely factitious national identity.</i>
gaudy	(Britain) a celebratory reunion feast or entertainment held a college. <i>Silver bows and gaudy ribbons.</i>
glue	Join or attach with or as if with glue. <i>The wood is cut into pieces which are then glued together.</i>
glutinous	Having the sticky properties of an adhesive. Glutinous mud.
gum	Cover fill fix or smear with or as if with gum. <i>Open and close the valves to make sure they don t get gummed up.</i>
insincere	Lacking sincerity. <i>Their praise was extravagant and insincere.</i>
meretricious	Relating to or characteristic of a prostitute. Meretricious praise.
mucous	Relating to, producing, covered with, or of the nature of mucus. Mucous glands of the intestine.
pitchy	Like or as dark as pitch.
primer	Any igniter that is used to initiate the burning of a propellant. <i>No more than four pumps of the primer usually suffice.</i>
shoddy	Cheap and shoddy Judith Crist. <i>We re not paying good money for shoddy goods.</i>
slimy	Morally reprehensible. <i>A slimy cigar puffing political fixer.</i>
specious	Plausible but false. <i>A specious claim.</i>
spurious	(of offspring) illegitimate. Spurious inferences.
sticker	A determined or persistent person. <i>Warning stickers on the glass.</i>

sticky

Having the sticky properties of an adhesive.
*She felt hot and **sticky** and changed her clothes.*

tape

A recording made on magnetic tape.
*They put four songs on **tape**.*

viscid

Having the sticky properties of an adhesive.
*The **viscid** mucus lining of the intestine.*

viscosity

Resistance of a liquid to shear forces (and hence to flow).
*Cooling the fluid raises its **viscosity**.*

viscous

Having a relatively high resistance to flow.
***Viscous** lava.*